

March 10, 2014

Welcome to *JUMP Smarter*, the OPI online assessment newsletter. *JUMP Smarter* will be published up to and throughout the Smarter Balanced Field Test window which ends May 14, 2014. *JUMP Smarter* will include updates and links to resources related to the Practice, Training, and Field Tests.

What's new?

Countdown to Administration: Less than two weeks for some Montana schools.

- Twenty-five Montana schools report a starting Field Test date of March 18.
- Twenty-one more Montana schools report a Field Test window of March 18-31 with some starts on March 18.

Planned Smarter Field Test Down Times for Maintenance

- Thursday, April 10 through Sunday, April 13, 2014*
- Thursday, May 8 through Sunday, May 11, 2014

Smarter Help

- Extended hours until 8pm MDT
- **Online Chat**

Along with other Field Test resources, online chat will be found on the Contact Us section of the Smarter Field Test Portal. This provides another effective way to get the answers and assistance you may need quickly.

What's new on the OPI Field Test Website?

Get Answers:

- OPI links to answers to your questions under Administration, Accessibility, Data/Tide and Training. Questions can be asked online.
- For questions on technology, click the Tech Readiness link under Technology.

New documents posted:

Administration, Accessibility, and Tide

Training—New **Schedule** listing OPI Webinars and DAPLN Digital Blasts

**This date corrects a misprint in an earlier version of this issue that said the down time is April 10-April 23.*



OPI Field Test Information Central

OPI Smarter Practice, Training, and Field Test Information

- **Go to Assessment (MontCAS) page**
<http://opi.mt.gov/Curriculum/MontCAS/index.html>



- Click OPI SBAC Field Test Information

Field Test Information



Administration

New Documents Posted

OPI Quick Facts: Establishing Appropriate Testing Conditions

OPI Quick Facts: Student Participation on the Field Test

Classroom Activity Materials to be Posted March 10

- By the end of the day, March 10, the performance task topics and classroom activity materials will be available on Field Test Portal on the classroom activity lookup table.
- Classroom Activity Sample Lookup Table
 - The lookup table requires state assigned school and district codes. Use the Responsible District and School identifiers that you use for TIDE. For a table of those identifiers, see the TIDE section on the OPI Field Test website.
- By clicking on a classroom activity, you can print and/or save the materials.
- You will need to download the classroom activity and distribute it to test administrators at least two to three days in advance of implementing it with students.
- Classroom activities are assigned at the grade level.
- All students at each grade level within a school will have the same classroom activity.

Classroom Activity Sample Lookup Table

Smarter Classroom Activity and Performance Task Administration Guidelines

Notes on the ELA Performance Task (PT)

- An embedded notepad ("Global Notes") is available for ELA performance tasks. During the ELA PT, the notes are retained from Part 1 to Part 2 so that the student may go back to the notes even though the student is not able to go back to specific items in Part 1.
- While the embedded notepad is the preferred mode for note taking, students also may use scratch paper to make notes.
- The Guidelines and TAM currently indicate that "all scratch paper must be collected and securely destroyed at the end of each assessment session to maintain test security".
- To ensure that students using scratch paper for notes have the same allowance as students using the online notes, TAs should collect students' notes at the completion of Part 1 of the ELA PT and securely store them for students' use during Part 2 of the ELA PT. After that, the scratch paper should be collected and securely destroyed.

- The retention of scratch paper is only allowed for the ELA PT. These updates will be made to the TAM and the ELA timing and sequencing document on March 10, 2014.

Smarter Updated Math Timing and Sequencing

Graph paper is **required** beginning in sixth grade and can be used on all mathematics assessments.

Other Test Administration Information

- **Coming March 12: Test Administrator Manual**
- **Save the Dates:**
OPI Test Administration Webinar: 4-5:30 pm, Wed., March 19 **LINK TBA**
Test Administration Digital Blasts—see Training Schedule
- **SBAC Test Administration Manual**

The link to the manual is direct so that any updates by Smarter are reflected in it. A change log begins on the last page of the manual (currently page 86).

- After March 10, see the change log for updates on scratch paper as explained above in the NOTES on the ELA PT
- JUMP Smarter will include information on changes; however, there is no need to reprint the manuals.

Accessibility News—New Documents Posted

OPI Quick Facts: Standard and Non Standard Accommodations

Smarter Balanced Accessibility Resources and Practices Comparison

The *Crosswalk* lists the resources that are currently included in the *Accessibility Guidelines* document and assists educators and decision-makers by providing a description of both the resource and its classroom equivalent.

Smarter Embedded Supports: Glossaries

Technology News--Meta: Getting Montana SBAC Ready

Please use the Tech Readiness link for technology questions and assistance.

Data/TIDE--New Documents Posted

March 5, 2014 OPI TIDE Webinar Recording

TIDE Questions and Answers from the March 5, 2014 OPI TIDE Webinar

★ Training

New *Schedules* section has been added to include OPI and the Montana Digital Professional Learning Network training presentations.

Important Smarter Modules: Tide Training, Test Administration Training, Test Administration Interface for Online Testing

Please Keep Us Posted

We worry and get lonely when we don't hear from you 😊

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